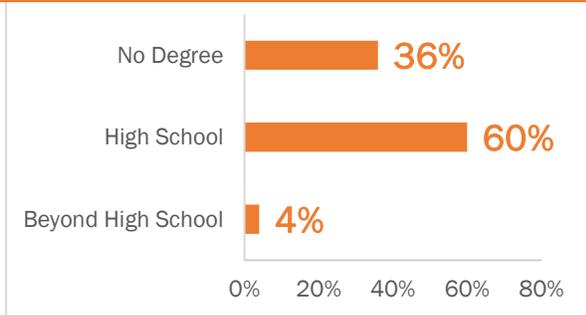


Lower Shore

Profile of Temporary Cash Assistance (TCA) Recipients

Most have a high school education



Most have recent work experience, but their earnings are low

- ❖ **55%** worked in the year before receiving TCA
- ❖ Earned a median of **\$4,319** in that year
- ❖ **68%** worked in the year after leaving TCA
- ❖ Earned a median of **\$6,412** in that year

They do not receive welfare for long periods of time

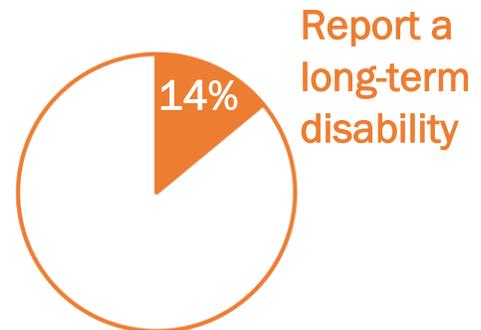
59% received assistance for 2 years or less in last 10 years

9% received assistance for more than 5 of the last 10 years

Typically, they are African American women with 1 or 2 children

- ❖ **96%** are female
- ❖ **68%** are African American
- ❖ **31** years old, on average
- ❖ **68%** have 1 to 2 children
- ❖ **50%** have a child under 3 years old

Some have disabilities that are expected to last over 1 year



The Lower Shore includes Wicomico, Worcester, & Somerset Counties.

Most data is based on analysis of 640 adult payees who were recipients of TCA benefits in October 2014. Employment and earnings data is based on work-eligible recipients in federal fiscal 2014 and includes only formal employment in Maryland.